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1. BRITISH POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHO VISITED HONG KONG LAST NOVEMBER TELL US THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET PUT THEIR REPORTS TO MINISTERS IN FINAL FORM. THEY DID NOT INDICATE TO US WHAT REPORTS WOULD CONTAIN BUT SAID THAT THEIR MISSION WAS ESSENTIALLY FACT FINDING ONE.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL B WE RAISED HONG KONG SITUATION WITH HOME OFFICE (TRAIN) IN MARCH 7 CONVERSATION AND TRAIN INDICATED HMG' S DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL. HOWEVER TRAIN (AND FCO REPRESENTATIVE WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT) HAD SEEN STATEMENTS THAT CONSULATE GENERAL AND HONG KONG AUTHORITIES HAD ISSUED REBUTTING HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE' S CRITICISM OF LACK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND HONG KONG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THEY ACCEPTED THESE AS EVIDENCE THAT IF PROBLEMS OF COOPERATION HAD EXISTED, THESE HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AND PRESUMABLY WERE BEING WORKED ON.

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3. WE BELIEVE IT IS USEFUL TO KEEP HONG KONG SITUATION
IN FRONT OF BRITISH AUTHORITIES HERE AND AS INDICATED
REFTEL B WE INTEND TO DO SO. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IN
ANTICIPATION OUR NEXT EFFORT, TO HAVE FROM DEPARTMENT
AND HONG KONG SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THOSE ASPECTS OF
HONG KONG SITUATION WHERE BRITISH COULD BE HELPFUL AND
ON WHICH DEPARTMENT WANTS THEIR VIEWS.

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